

# **HOUSING RESOURCES COMMISSION**

## **Quarterly Meeting**

**Crossroads Rhode Island, 160 Broad Street Providence, RI**

**September 10, 2004**

## **M I N U T E S**

**The regular quarterly meeting of the RI Housing Resources Commission was called to order at 9:20 a.m.**

**Commissioners present were:**

**Susan Baxter**

**Joseph Caffey**

**Susan Sweet**

**Brenda Clement**

**Edward Stachurski**

**Kevin Flynn**

**Robert McDonough**

**Terence Tierney**

**Noreen Shawcross**

**Christian Stephens**

**Stephen Vadnais**

**Valarie Voccio**

**Marie Stoeckel**

**Barbara Fields Karlin**

**Dennis Langley**

**Housing Resources Commission Staff:**

**Simon Kue**

**Darlene Price**

**Ray Neirinckx**

**Rhode Island Housing staff:**

**Susan Bodington**

**Richard H. Godfrey, Jr.**

**Brenda Cianciolo**

**Noemi Picon**

**Amy Rainone**

**Chris Gorham**

**Guests:**

**Deborah Marisi, RICH**

**Pursuant to Chapter 46 of Title 42 General Laws of Rhode Island, notice of this meeting was posted at the State House and at RI Housing Resources Commission offices.**

**1. Approval of Minutes of June 25,2004**

**The Chair called for the approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of June 25, 2004**

**Upon a motion duly made by Joseph Caffey and seconded by Terence Tierney it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of**

**the quarterly meeting held on June 25, 2004.**

## **2. Report of the Chair:**

**Ms. Baxter presented her report on the following:**

**&#61623; The Chair discussed the staffing plans and budget in order to continue to implement the Lead Mitigation Act.**

**&#61623; The Chair reported Open Doors initiated by the RI Foundation and United Way is underway. She has continued to attend their housing meetings.**

**&#61623; Harrington Hall is open and operating. The state committed \$160,00 in the supplemental budget as requested by the Housing Resource Commission.**

**&#61623; The Executive committee approved the staffing plans and recommends the 2005 budget.**

## **3. Budget Report:**

**Susan Bodington gave her final report on the 2004 budget. No action taken.**

## **4. Proposed Future Staffing plan :**

**&#61623; A HUD has been filed to fund two new employees to assist Simon with the Lead Hazard Mitigation Law. Outreach worker and Tech. Assistant**

**&#61623; The Plan would consolidate state and federal funds for housing and community development under the Housing Resource Commission. This includes all funds in shelter operations as well as**

**the CDBG program.**

**Motion: \_Barbara\_ Fields Karlin**

**2nd: Susan Sweet**

**Vote: Unanimously approved**

**5. Approval of the FY05 Budget:**

**A FY05 budget consistent with the approved state budget was presented to the Commission.**

**Motion: Susan Sweet**

**2nd: Joseph Caffey**

**Vote: Approved with an abstention by Brenda Clement.**

**6. Approval of the FY06 proposed Budget:**

**A budget was presented based on the revised staffing plans.**

**Motion: Susan Sweet**

**2nd: Joseph Caffey**

**Vote: Approved with an abstention by Brenda Clement.**

**7. Outreach plan for the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act**

**Report by Simon Kue.**

**Simon reported an outreach plan that covered from September to July 2005. Plan includes a new media campaign to prepare for the July 1, 2005 enactment date of the act. Working to rebuild geographic coverage for technicians/ providers for education and increasing the number of inspectors. Strengthening part the partnership with the Dept. of Health and website improvements will be important for the**

**implementation of the Act.**

**8. Schedule for development of the Strategic Housing Plan**

**Report from Susan.**

**Outline from hiring staff to final approval by statewide planning from September 2004 through July 2006. The hiring process will begin starting in November.**

**9. Approval of NOP Funding under the Family and Permanent Housing Funds:**

**Report from Darlene Price: Darlene reported the recommendations of the Office of Homelessness.**

**Resolution #9: That the Commission approves the allocation of \$863,240 under the Family Housing fund of the Neighborhood Opportunities Program to produce 18 units of rental housing as follows:**

**Woonsocket Neighborhood Development Corporation \$410,000**

**Crossroads Rhode Island \$453,240**

**Motion: Dennis Langley**

**2nd: Terence Tierney**

**Vote: Approved by the commission Brenda Clement and Barbara Fields Karlin abstained.**

**10. Approval of NOP Funding under the Building Better Communities Funds:**

**Reported by Ray Neirinckx**

**Ray corrected the requested funds to \$899,435 and reported the recommendations of the Office of Community Development.**

**Motion: Dennis Langley**

**2nd: Susan Sweet**

**Vote: Approved by the commission Brenda Clement and Barbara Fields Karlin abstained.**

**11. Report from the Interagency Council on Homelessness:**

**Report by Noreen Shawcross.**

**Recommending that Harrington Hall will be kept open for 2004. DHS offered assistance if needed help with case management. A draft report in production on the homeless plan of the state for the Interagency Council on Homelessness.**

**12. Reports of the Office Co-Chairs :**

**Included in the package.**

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

**A public comment period was held.**

**&#61623; Noreen Shawcross recognized the WNDC/THN report on the income/housing gap**

**&#61623; Bob McDonough reported that DHS changed FIP role to**

**allow drug fellows to apply for food stamps.**

**The Meeting was adjourned at**

**\* The next HRC quarterly meeting will be held on Friday, December 10, 2004.**